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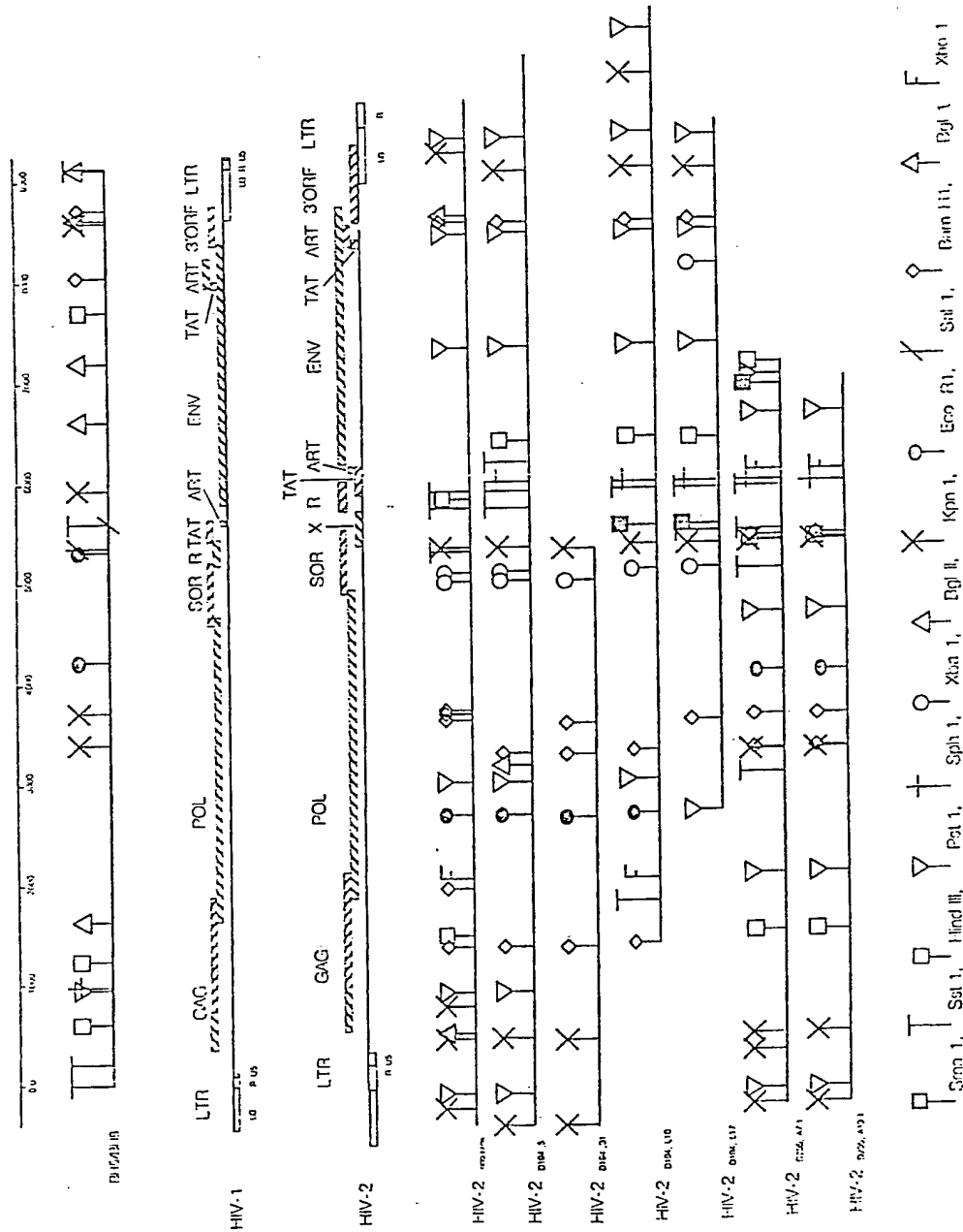
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(54) **HIV-2 virus variants.**

(57) HIV-2 virus variants, namely virus HIV D194 and virus HIV D205, which can be cloned from the corresponding virus isolate HIV D194 (ECACC V 87122303) or from the infected cell line HUT 194 (ECACC V 87122306) or from the virus isolate HIV D205 (ECACC V 87122304), respectively, and their RNA or RNA-fragments and DNA and DNA-fragments derived therefrom and/or proteins and the use thereof for diagnostics and therapy.

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Fig. 2



## Description

## HIV-2 VIRUS VARIANTS

The present invention relates to HIV-2 virus variants, namely Virus HIV D194 and HIV D205 that may be cloned from the corresponding virus isolate HIV D194 (ECACC V 87122303) or from the infected cell line HUT 194 (ECACC V 87122306) and from the virus isolate HIV D205 (ECACC V 87122304), respectively, and to the RNA or RNA-fragments and derived therefrom DNA and DNA-fragments and/or proteins and the use thereof for diagnostics and therapy.

"Molecular cloning of two West African human immuno-deficiency virus type 2 isolates which replicate well on macrophages: a Gambian isolate from a case of neurologic acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, and a highly divergent Ghanesian isolate" (Kühnel, H., v. Briesen, H., Dietrich, U., Adamski, M., Mix, D., Biesert, L. Kreutz, R., Immelmann, A., Henco, K., Meichsner, Ch., Andreesen, R., Gelderblom, H. & Rübsamen-Waigmann, H., 1989, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 86, 4, 2383-2387.

In diagnostics, two criteria are demanded to be met, namely specificity and sensitivity for the antigen to be detected. In the diagnostics of AIDS the demand for specificity can certainly be complied with by using the isolates HTLV-III<sub>B</sub> and LAV-2 (Guyader, M. et al., "Nature" 326, 1987, 662-669) in order to delimit HIV infections from other infections and, thus, to make a rough assignment into the classes of "HIV-2-related infections" or "HIV-1-related infections". However, a problem is constituted by the sensitivity of the diagnosis. In the range of the so-called seroconversion, i.e. the initial occurrence of the antibody in the infected person, a reduction in sensitivity implies an increase in the number of "falsely negative" test results. Accordingly, it is one main goal to shorten the period between an infection and the detectability of this infection as much as possible by improving the test sensitivity.

A decreased cross reactivity, in the practice of the widely employed ELISA diagnostics, is manifested, for example, in a reduced sensitivity. Thus, the use of the described HIV-1 isolate means about an average reduction of the test sensitivity against HIV-2 sera by the factor of 100 to 1000, whereas the isolate HTLV-III<sub>B</sub> enables almost no detection to be accomplished anymore.

A disastrous principle of the diseases caused by HIV resides in the fact that there is not only one type of each of HIV-1 and HIV-2 virus phenotypes and genotypes. What is to be premised is rather a large group of related viruses, possible even populations which by no way are strictly separated from each other but continuously penetrate one another and undergo some evolutionary development to a more and more increasing divergence, while at the same time they begin by recombination events to exchange between each other parts of the genom. Thus, the existing HIV species form a broad continuous population level in which there are no narrowly delimited subpopulations of one virus variant. There is rather to presumed that a continuum exists which is subject to permanent fluctuations with time.

The classified virus variants HIV-1 and HIV-2 are representatives of the diffusely delimited subpopulations having a relative low degree of relationship, which is manifested by only a partial cross reactivity. On the other hand, there are variants of the HIV-1 group (Rübsamen-Waigmann, H. et al., "AIDS-Forschung" 10, 1987, 572-575; Rübsamen-Waigmann, H. et al., J. Med. Virol. 19, 1986, 335-344; v. Briesen, H. et al., J. Med. Virol. 23, 1987, 51-66), which do significantly stronger cross-react with HIV-2 than the first characterized HIV-1 isolate itself (Hahn, B. et al., "Nature" 312, 1984, 166-169). A commercial product consisting of such an isolate diagnoses distinctly more sera as being HIV-2 positive than does the described standard isolate HTLV-III<sub>B</sub>.

An ideal diagnostic or therapeutic product should contain at least one representative from the populations as significantly biologically distinguished from one another.

HIV-1 viruses in a multitude of highly polymorphic genetic mutants may cause different diseases such as ARC, LAS, AIDS and encephalopathies (ARC: AIDS-related complex, LAS: lymphadenopathy syndrome, AIDS: acquired immune deficiency syndrome). Cloned virus variants are distinguished in sequence and restriction pattern, even if they have been isolated at the same time, at the same place and even from the same patient (Rübsamen, H. et al., 1986). It could be shown that virus variants of the HIV-1 type are distinguished in some virus antigens up to about 15%. HIV-2's are even different in more than 40% of the aminoacids in some antigens, substitutions, insertions and deletions having been considered (Guyader, M. et al., 1987; Rabson, A.B. & Martin, M.A. "Cell" 40, 1985, 477-480).

The present invention provides two variants of the HIV-2 virus. One variant was isolated from a clinically asymptomatic patient, and one variant was isolated from a patient suffering from terminal so-called neuro-AIDS. The virus isolates proved to be diagnostic agents, relative to DNA/RNA as well as relative to the virus antigens, for serologically and directly identifying infections by the type HIV-2 in the pre-AIDS and AIDS stages.

The virus isolates according to the invention comprise viruses and proviruses, the characteristics of which are identical to those of the disclosed restriction map and the sequence of the cloned partial regions (Figures, 2-8). Moreover, the virus isolates comprise variants which are distinguished from the viruses and proviruses described above in that they are different in their nucleotide sequences from the above-described viruses only by up to 5%, and preferably by 2%, particularly preferred by 1%.

The virus variants according to the invention may cause lymphadenopathies (further designated as LAS/AIDS) or serious neurological disorders (encephalopathies). Claimed according to the invention are also expression products of said virus variants, and more particularly antigens, preferably in accumulated or pur

form, and processes for producing said expression products in full or in parts or in combinations of the parts. The expression products are intended to include all polypeptides in glycosylated and or meristylated forms which have been coded on the positive or negative strand of the cloned RNA or DNA.

A further preferred embodiment consists of cloned DNA sequences capable of hybridizing with genomic RNA and DNA of the virus variants. Claimed according to the invention are stable gen probes containing such DNA sequences which are suitable for the detection of hybridization of those and other HIV variants or related viruses or DNA proviruses in samples to be investigated, more particularly biological or semi-synthetic samples.

A further preferred embodiment of the invention is comprised by virus variants the RNA/DNA of which or respective fragments will hybridize to the virus variants according to the invention under stringent conditions, more particularly c-DNA, genomic DNA, recombinant DNA, synthetic DNA or fragments thereof. These are understood to include variants or fragments which exhibit deletions and insertions in comparison to the virus variants according to the invention.

Stringent conditions of hybridization and washing are meant to be understood as those conditions which ensue by way of experiment or calculation if the melting point of the 100% homologous nucleic acid complexes in conditions of hybridization and washing will be fallen below by not more than 5 °C under the buffer conditions employed.

Also claimed according to the invention are cloned synthetic gen probes which may be derived from the above-described virus variants and can be augmented in vector systems in eukaryotes or prokaryotes. The described cloned DNA fragments are suitable for hybridization with complementary nucleic acids (DNA/RNA) for the purpose of diagnostic detection of the virus variants. The diagnostic tests according to the invention are carried out by using DNA or RNA probes. The probes are radioactive or have been labelled with fluorescent bio- or chemiluminescent groups or enzymes or are specifically detectable with enzymes via coupled reaction systems. The hybridizations may be effected in a homogeneous phase of a solution or in a heterogeneous phase with solid-immobilized nucleic acids, while the solid may be a membrane, particle, cell or tissue, so that the hybridization may also be effected in situ.

From the virus isolates claimed according to the invention, the corresponding DNA sequences (Figure 2) may be cloned in E. coli bacteria by establishing a genomic lambda-gen bank, starting from the DNA of the lymphocytes infected with the virus isolate. The desired clones are obtained by carrying out a plaque-screening with STLIV-III sequences of the gag-pol range. In a more specific way, there may be used as a probe a DNA derived from the published sequence HIV-2 ROD (Guyader, M. et al., "Nature" 326, 1987, 662-669), or a DNA probe derived from the partial sequences of the isolates HIV-2 D194 and HIV-2 D205 according to the invention. Thus from Figure 3 a probe may be derived which under stringent conditions will hybridize only with variants of the type HIV-2 D194, however not with variants of the type HIV-2 ROD.

The diagnostic method based on the use of the viruses claimed according to the invention comprises the following steps: Extraction of RNA or DNA from biological samples, possibly enzymatic processing by restriction enzymes, separation by gel electrophoresis and/or direct blot methods for nucleic acid-binding carriers, and subsequent hybridization with parts of the cloned fragments of the claimed viruses. Hybridizations may also be directly carried out in chemically treated cells or tissues. Therein the origin of the tissues or liquids is insignificant.

Specifically, a process for the in vitro detection of antibodies against expression products of the viruses of the present invention is characterized in that the expression products or parts thereof of the viruses are detected by means of immunological methods. The process is characterized in that the expression products are proteins, peptides or parts thereof which have been coded within the meaning of an open reading frame on the DNA of the proviral partial sequences as characterized in claim 1 and are prepared by synthetic or biosynthetic processes.

The process is further characterized in that previously a definite amount or a combination of expression products or parts thereof are fixed on microtiter plates, whereupon subsequently biological samples, diluted or undiluted, are contacted with the coated microtiter plates and after incubation and sequential washing steps can be identified by means of a detecting reagent or of labelled anti-HIV antibodies.

Alternatively, filter strips and plastic strips or rods are used instead of microtiter plates, wherein the expression products of the viruses have been fixed at respective specific positions by isolated application of the different antigens.

The expression products or parts thereof can also be separated by gel electrophoresis and then transferred by blotting whereupon incubation with anti-HIV antibodies and the detection thereof are effected. Detection is effected on solid phase carriers to which the antigen determinants have been bonded, with the solid phase carrier consisting of particles.

Expression products can be virus antigens derived from in vitro-infected cells, said antigens being contacted with biological test materials as antigens bonded to fixed cells, and that the subsequent antibody bonding can be determined with immunological detection reagents by means of an apparatus, for example with a cytofluorimeter, or visually.

The antigens can be determined by competitive ELISA. HIV-related nucleic acids (DNA and RNA) can be detected in biological samples, cells and in isolated form by using the nucleic acids according to the present invention.

Expression products can be supplemented by materials which are related to other HIV variants, which,

however, are distinguished in their biological properties from the materials of the isolates of the present invention.

For diagnostic and therapeutic goals the described DNA segments may also be employed for expressing coded antigens, parts thereof or combinations thereof with alien antigens. Therein the DNA segments under aimed control of regulation sequences are introduced into pro-or eukaryotic target cells, tissues or multiple-cell organisms to stimulate these to produce the accordingly coded antigens, parts thereof or combinations thereof with alien antigens. Antigens can be detected via the reaction with Anti-HIV-2 antibodies, more particularly from the sera of the respective patients. Antigens having longer open reading frames (> 50 amino acids) lend themselves as well those which are subject to splicing processes on the RNA level and are only thus composed to form the longer open reading frames.

According to the invention further claimed are polypeptides originating from the cloned virus variants according to the invention to detect such antigens in the material under investigation which contain similar antigen determinants and thereby do immunologically cross-react. This is particularly suitable for the diagnosis of AIDS and pre-AIDS of virus carriers or asymptomatic virus carriers or virus products, respectively, which are derived from blood. Also the serological detection of the antibodies directed against these antigenic polypeptides as expression products of the viruses claimed according to the invention becomes possible by employing conventional systems such as ELISA. The immunogenic polypeptides may be used as protective polypeptides as vaccines to cause protection against AIDS infections.

The polypeptides according to the invention are understood to include fragments which are intentionally obtained by means of gen-technological methods, starting from longer open reading frames as well as those obtained by proteolytic enzymes in the production bacterial strains or *in vitro* by the use of proteases.

The virus isolates according to the invention and the products derived therefrom may be combined with other isolates of the partial population HIV-2 in test systems, that is with those which are as far remote as possible in the described population level such as for example, the isolate HIV-2 ROD (Guyader, M. et al., 1987). Thereby it becomes possible sensitively to detect also populations of remote relationship in one test.

The virus variants according to the invention are highly different from the spectrum of the HIV-1 variants and have a closer molecular relationship to the HIV-2 virus described by Guyader, although they are distinguished therefrom to a significant extent (Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3). Also the biological properties are clearly distinguished from the described HIV-2 isolate. Thus, the variants according to the invention, for the effective *in vitro* replication, prefer cells which are derived from myeloidic lines. On the contrary, the virus poorly reproduces itself on lymphocytic lines. This quality especially refers to HIV-D194.

The virus HIV D194 according to the invention exclusively caused encephalopathic symptoms in the infected patient, due to which the patient also deceased after an extremely short time and after a fulminant progress of the disease. Samples of the viruses claimed according to the invention have been deposited in the forms of their isolates at the European Collection of Animal Cell Cultures under the designations HIV D194 (Accession No. V 87122303) and HIV D205 (V 87122304), respectively, according to the Budapest Treaty.

A cell line infected with the virus isolate HIV D194 has been deposited under the designation HUT 194 (ECACC V 87122306) at the above-identified Deposit.

Figure 1 shows the deviation of the proteins p24 and gp41 from lambda D194 and HIV-2 ROD 27/35 in its nucleotide sequence and amino acid sequence (Guyader, M. et al., 1987, Nature 326, pages 662 - 669).

Figure 2 shows the restriction maps of the virus isolates according to the invention in comparison to known HIV sequences.

Figure 3 shows a comparative section of a sequence between HIV-2 ROD (Guyader, M. et al., 1987) and HIV-2 D194, which demonstrates the significant divergence of the variant HIV-2 D194 according to the invention in a coding range of the envelope protein gp120.

The section of the sequence shows a range of the gp120 region in comparison to the nucleotide sequence and the corresponding amino acid sequence in the single letter notation between HIV-2 D194 and HIV-2 ROD (Guyader, M. et al., 1987). The indication of the position refers to HIV-2 ROD. (-) symbolizes deletions/insertions. (.) symbolizes identical nucleotides.

Figure 4 shows a nucleotide sequence, characterizing the clone HIV-D194. Nucleotide positions designated as N or O could not be unambiguously derived from the gel pattern. The sequence starts with R/U5 region the LTR and ends with U5 region. The sequence shown is derived from subclone L10 (see restriction map). This clone differs from others derived from the same patient/blood sample by around 1 % in the nucleotide sequence as it was determined by comparison with 5kb homologous sequences derived from clone HIV-194,5.

Figure 5 shows the partial nucleotide sequences of HIV-D205 (corresponding to clone HIV-2 A7.1 of Figure 2).

Figure 6 shows the sequence homology between HIV-D194 and HIV-2 ROD in (%), separately for the functional elements.

Figure 7 shows the sequence homology of HIV-2 D205,7 compared to the HIV/SIV group (gene level; nt/aa).

Figure 8 shows a nucleotide sequence comparison of HIV-2 D205 with HIV and SIV strains (in % homology).

Figure 9 shows the correspondence of the open reading frames with functionally known antiviral antigens.

Figure 10 shows the primer mediated constructions which are inserted as corresponding restriction fragments into the appropriate vectors.

Experimental results and characteristics of HIV-D194 and HIV-D205 are described in Kühnel, H. et al. (1989) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 86, 4, 2383-2387.

The sequence of HIV-D194 shows a lot of so-called "open reading frames" as the fragments of HIV-D205 do. Most of these reading frames can be related to *in vivo* expressed proteins/antigens by comparison of homologies to previously described HIV-viruses, by comparison of Western blots performed with HIV-D194 and HIV-D205 antigens derived from infected HUT78 or U937 cells and by probing with sera from the corresponding patients and reference sera. Figure 9 shows the correspondence of the open reading frames (numbers refer to Figure 4 and 5) with functionally known antiviral antigens.

Other open reading frames are not identified on the level of their expressed antigens defined by function or antibody staining on Western Blot. However, they can be expressed under some circumstances *in vivo*. Other leading frames, even short ones, can be expressed as well in a way difficult to predict solely on the basis of nucleic acid sequencing data because of splicing processes.

Antigenic determinants on expressed proteins as they are important for the biological function, for target antigens in diagnostics or for immunization are spread all over the expressed linear protein sequence. Parts of these sequences can have more general antigenic properties than others as can be shown by peptide screening/mapping for antigenic sites. These sites can be expressed as single epitopes or as continuous polypeptide or in a version of *in vitro* or synthetically spliced antigens. Antigenicity of the expressed products can be demonstrated by antigen fixation and blotting in the Western Blot assay. Constructions for antigen expression in *E. coli* can be done by using conventional techniques using synthetic genes, restriction fragments from cloned viral genome segments, trimming products thereof by using exonuclease or DNase I or by using sequence specific synthetic primers (Figure 10) defining the desired 5' and 3' end of the fragment to be expressed together with appropriate restriction sites. These restriction sites can easily be used for ligation into a panel of expression vectors of different organisms like those derived from PLc24 (Remault et al. 1981 Gene 15, 81-83) with multicloning sites (pEX).

The expressed antigens were shown to specifically react with patients' sera. The p27(24) from gag of HIV-D205 react very sensitively with both typical HIV-1 sera and typical HIV-2 sera (see Kühnel et al). The antigenic sequence corresponding to the region shown in Figure 3 is highly specific for this particular subfamily of HIV-variants.

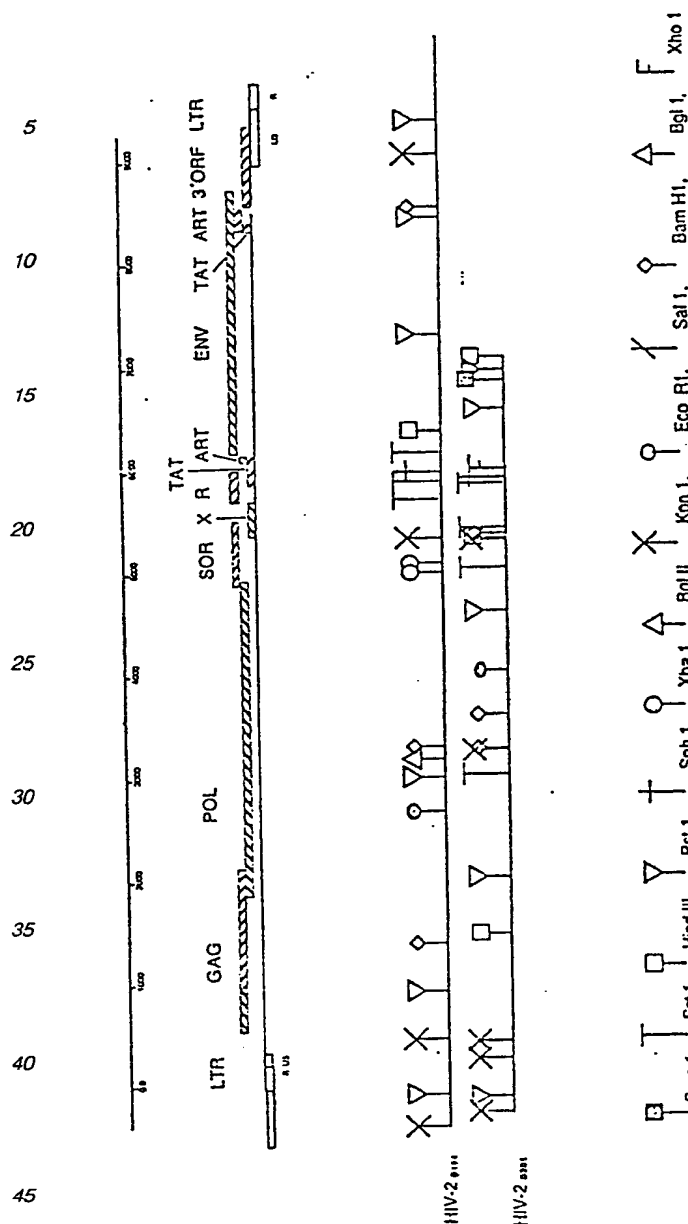
#### EXAMPLE 1

Cloned subfragments such as the Kpn-Kpn fragment comprising the gag-pol region of HIV-D194 are used as probes for HIV-2 type and SIV type sequences by hybridizing under conditions 30-40°C less in hybridization and washing conditions appropriate for homologous sequences.

HIV-1 sequences do not show up in blot and *in situ* hybridization unambiguously, although this region contains the p24/27 coding region which heavily cross-reacts with anti HIV-1 sera. A nucleic acid probe such as shown in and corresponding to Figure 3, however, highly specifically detects the specific subfamily of HIV-D194 compared to all other known HIV isolates. This is shown by *in situ* hybridization using run-off RNA of this particular region.

#### Claims

1. A virus isolate HIV D194 (ECACC V 87122303) and a virus isolate HIV D205 (ECACC V 87122304).
2. DNA of the proviral partial sequences according to the following restriction endonuclease section-site characteristics, within the scope of the possible and conventional variation of errors, formed in establishing restriction maps.



3. cDNA and -fragments of the virus isolates according to claim 1.
4. Viral RNA and its fragments from virus isolates according to claim 1.
5. Recombinant DNA containing DNA pieces, starting from the virus isolates according to claim 1.
6. DNA or RNA of the virus isolates according to any one of the claims 1 to 4, wherein the DNA or RNA is present as hybide with complementary labelled DNA or RNA strands.
7. DNA according to any one of the claims 1 to 5, characterized in that it is complementary to viral DNA or parts thereof.
8. Nucleic acid strands in a modified or unmodified form which under stringent conditions hybridize with nucleic acids according to claims 2 to 7, and more specifically those nucleic acids which correspond to the highly variable regions of the HIV genom, more particularly in the range of the region coding the envelope protein.
9. Expression products of the virus isolates according to claim 1.
10. Expression products according to claim 1, characterized in that the proteins, peptides or fragments have been coded within the meaning of an open reading frame on the DNA according to claim 2.
11. A process for the *in vitro* detection of antibodies against expression products of the viruses according to claim 1, characterized in that the expression products or parts thereof of the viruses are detected by means of immunological methods.
12. The process according to claim 11, characterized in that the expression products are proteins,

peptides or parts thereof which have been codes within the meaning of an open reading frame on the DNA according to claim 2 and are prepared by synthetic or biosynthetic processes.

13. The process according to claims 11 or 12, characterized in that previously a definite amount or a combination of expression products or parts thereof are fixed on microtiter plates, whereupon subsequently biological samples, diluted or undiluted, are contacted with the coated microtiter plates and after incubation and sequential washing steps can be identified by means of a detecting reagent or of labelled anti-HIV antibodies.

14. The process according to one of claims 11 to 13, characterized in that filter strips and plastic strips or rods are used instead of microtiter plates, wherein the expression products of the viruses have been fixed at respective specific positions by isolated application of the different antigens.

15. The process according to claim 14, characterized in that the expression products or parts thereof are separated by gel electrophoresis and then transferred by blotting whereupon incubation with anti-HIV antibodies and the detection thereof are effected.

16. the process according to any one of claims 11 to 15, characterized in that the detection is effected on solid phase carriers to which the antigen determinants have been bonded. the solid phase carrier consisting of particles.

17. The process according to any one of claims 11 to 16, characterized in that the expression products are virus antigens derived from in vitro-infected cells, said antigens being contacted with biological test materials as antigens bonded to fixed cells, and that the subsequent antibody bonding can be determined with immunological detection reagents by means of an apparatus, for example with a cytofluorimeter, or visually.

18. The process according to one of claims 11 to 17, characterized in that the antigens are determined by competitive ELISA.

19. A process for detecting HIV-related nucleic acids (DNA and RNA) in biological samples, cells and in isolated form by using the nucleic acids according to claims 2 to 7.

20. The process according to any one of claims 11 to 19, characterized in that the expression products are supplemented by materials which are related to other HIV variants, which, however, are distinguished in their biological properties from the materials of the isolates according to claim 1.

21. Immunogenic composition, containing expressing products such as antigens, codes by the viruses of the virus isolates according to claim 1.

22. The immunogenic composition according to claim 21, characterized in that one antigen constitutes part of the total membrane antigen or is the total membrane antigen or a derivative thereof or a mixture of parts of the membrane antigens.

23. Antibodies, and more specifically monoclonal antibodies, against expression products of the virus isolates according to claim 1.

24. Cells which have been transformed with nucleic acids according to any one of claims 2 to 7.

25. Cells which have been infected with virus isolates according to claim 1.

26. Cell line HUT 194 (ECACC V 87122306).



Deviation of p24 and gp41 from lambda D194 and HIV-2 ROD 27/35\*

	Nucleotide Sequence	Amino Acid Sequence
gp41	about 15%	about 21%
p24	about 13%	about 8%

\* M.Guyader et al. 1987, Nature 326, 662-669

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

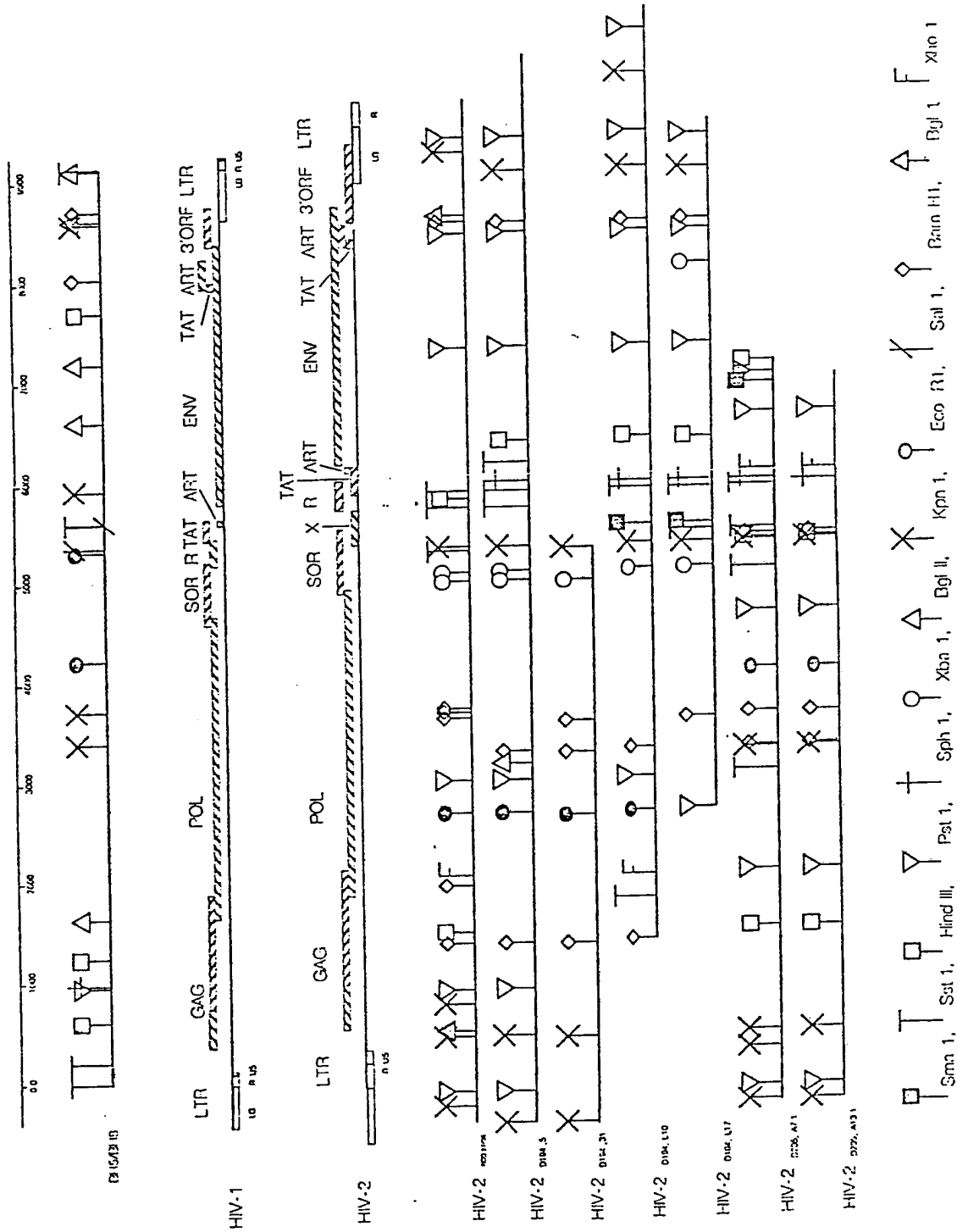


Figure 3

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	D	V	W	H	L	F	E	T	S	I	K	P	C
HIV2 ROD	GAT	GTC	TGG	CAT	CTA	TTC	GAG	ACA	TCA	ATA	AAA	CCA	TGT
HIV2 D194	...	...	...	AGA	...	..T	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	D	V	W	R	L	F	E	T	S	I	K	P	C

	V	K	L	T	P	L	C	V	A	M	K	C	S
HIV2 ROD	GTC	AAA	CTA	ACA	CCT	TTA	TGT	GTA	GCA	ATG	AAA	TGC	AGC
HIV2 D194	...	..G	T.G	..G	..C	C..	...	..G	..G	...	..T	..T	---
	V	K	L	T	P	L	C	V	A	M	N	C	-

	S	T	E	S	S	T	G	N	N	T	T	S	K
HIV2 ROD	AGC	ACA	GAG	AGC	AGC	ACA	GGG	AAC	AAC	ACA	ACC	TCA	AAG
HIV2 D194	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	..T	..T	..T	...	---
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	I	T	S	-

	S	T	S	T	T	T	T	T	P	T	D	Q	E
HIV2 ROD	AGC	ACA	AGC	ACA	ACC	ACA	ACC	ACA	CCC	ACA	GAC	CAG	GAG
HIV2 D194	---	---	G.G	..T	...	G.G	...	C.G	AGT	C..	CCA	A.C	ATT
	-	-	G	T	T	A	T	P	S	P	P	N	I

	Q	E	I	S	E	D	T	P	C	A	R	A	D
HIV2 ROD	CAA	GAG	ATA	AGT	GAG	GAT	ACT	CCA	TGC	GCA	CGC	GCA	GAC
HIV2 D194	AC.	ATA	...	GA.	..A	A..	T..	A.C	..T	AT.	G..	.AC	.GC
	T	I	I	D	E	N	S	T	C	I	G	D	G

The section of the sequence shows a range of the gp120 region in comparison to the nucleotide sequence and the corresponding amino acid sequence in the single letter notation between HIV-2 D194 and HIV-2 ROD (Guyader, M. et al., 1987). The indication of the position refers to HIV-2 ROD. (-) symbolizes deletions/insertions. (.) symbolizes identical nucleotides.

Fig. 4.

This nucleotide sequence characterizes the clone HIV-D194. Nucleotide positions designated as N or O could not be unambiguously derived from the gel pattern. The sequence starts with the R/U5 region the LTR and ends with the U5 region.

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      10      20      30      40      50      60
AGTCGCTCTG CCGAGAGGCT GGCAGATTGA GCCCTGGGAG GTTCTCTCCA GCACTAGCAG

      70      80      90     100     110     120
GTAGAGCCTG GGTGTTCCCT GCTAGACTCT CACCAGTGCT TGGCCGGCAC TGGGCAGACG

     130     140     150     160     170     180
GCTCCACGCT TGCTTGCTTA AAGACCTCTT AATAAAGCTG CCAATTAGAA GCAAGTTAAG

     190     200     210     220     230     240
TGTGTGTTCC CATCTCTCCT AGTCGCCGCC TGGTCATTCT GTGTTTATCT GAGTAACAAG

     250     260     270     280     290     300
ACCCTGGTCT GTTAGGACCC TTCCCGCTTT GAGAATCCAA GGCAGGAAAA TCCCTAGCAG

     310     320     330     340     350     360
GTTGGCGCCC GAACAGGGAC TTGAAGAGAG ACTGAGAGAC CCTGGAACAC GGCTGAGTGA

     370     380     390     400     410     420
AGGCAGTAAG GCGCGCAGGA ACAAACCACG ACGGAGTGCT CCTAGAAAAG CGCGGGCCGA

     430     440     450     460     470     480
GSTACCGAAG CGGCGTGTGG AGCGGGAGTG AAAGAGGCCT CCGGGTGAAG GTAAGTACCT

     490     500     510     520     530     540
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     550     560     570     580     590     600
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     610     620     630     640     650     660
GTTAGGTTAC GGCCCAACGG AAAGAAAAGA TACAGGTTAA AACATGTTGT GTGGGCAGCG

     670     680     690     700     710     720
AATGAATTAG ACAGATTCGG ATTGGCAGAG AGCCTGTGTT AATCAAAGA AGGTTGCCAA

     730     740     750     760     770     780
AAGATTCTTA AAGTTTTAGA ACCATTAGTA CCAACAGGGT CAGAAAATTT AAAAAGCCTT

     790     800     810     820     830     840
TTTAATACCG TCTGCGTCAT TTGGTGCTTG CACGCAGAAG AGAAAGTGAA AGATACTGAA

     850     860     870     880     890     900
GAAGCAAAGA AACTAGCACA GAGACATCTA GTGGCAGAAA CAGGAAGTGC AGAGAAAATG

     910     920     930     940     950     960
CCAAATATAA GTAGACCAAC AGCACCACCT AGTGGGAAAG GGAGGAAACT TCCCCGTGCA

     970     980     990    1000    1010    1020
ACAGGCAGGC GGCAACTATA TCCTGTGCCC GCTGAGCCCC CGAACTCTAA ATGCTTGGGT

    1030    1040    1050    1060    1070    1080
AAAATTAGTA GAGGAAAAGA AGTTCGGGCG AGAAGTAGTG CCAGGATTTC AGGCACTCTC

    1090    1100    1110    1120    1130    1140
AGAAGGCTGC ACGCCCTATG ATATCAATCA AATGCTTAAT TGTGTGGGCG ATCACCAGGC

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1150	1160	1170	1180	1190	1200
AGCTATGCAA	ATAATCAGAG	AAATTATTAA	TGAGGAAGCA	GCAGATTGGG	ATGCGCAGCA
1210	1220	1230	1240	1250	1260
CCCAATACCA	GGCCCCCTTAC	CAGCAGGGCA	GCTTAGAGAC	CCAGGGGGGT	CTGACATAGC
1270	1280	1290	1300	1310	1320
AGGAACACCA	AGCACAGTAG	ATGAACAGAT	CCAGTGGATG	TATAGGCAAC	CAAAATCCCGT
1330	1340	1350	1360	1370	1380
GCCGGTAGGG	AACATCTACA	GGAGATGGAT	CCAGATAGGG	CTACAGAAAT	GTGTCAAGGAT
1390	1400	1410	1420	1430	1440
GTACAACCCA	ACTAACATCT	TAGATGTGAA	GCAGGGACCA	AAAGAAATCGT	TCCAGAGCTA
1450	1460	1470	1480	1490	1500
TGTAGACAGA	TTCTACAAAA	GCCTAAGGGC	AGAACAACACA	GACCCGGCTG	TAAAAAATTG
1510	1520	1530	1540	1550	1560
GATGACCCAA	ACGCTGCTAA	TACAGAAATG	CAACCCAGAC	TGCAGGTAG	TATTAAGG
1570	1580	1590	1600	1610	1620
ACTAGGGATG	AATCCCACCC	TAGAGGAGAT	GCTGACTGCC	TGCCAGGGAG	TAGGCGGACC
1630	1640	1650	1660	1670	1680
AAGCCAGAAA	GCCAGACTAA	TGGCTGAAGC	CCTAAAGGAG	GCTTTGACGC	CAGCCCTAT
1690	1700	1710	1720	1730	1740
CCCATTGCA	GCAGCCCAAC	AAAGAAAGGC	AATTAGGTGT	TGGAATTGTG	GAAAGGAGGG
1750	1760	1770	1780	1790	1800
ACACTCGGCG	AAACAGTGCC	GAGCACCCAG	AAGACAGGGC	TGCTGGAAGT	GTGGCAAGTC
1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860
AGGACACATC	ATGGCAAACT	GCCCGGAAG	ACAGGCAGGT	TTTTTAGGGA	TGGGCCCCACG
1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920
GGGAAAGCAG	CCCCGCAACT	TCCCCGCGGC	CCAAGCTCCT	CAGGGGCTGA	TACCAACAGC
1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980
ACCCCCAATA	GATCCAGCAG	TGGACCTGTT	GGAGAAATAT	ATGCAGCAAG	GGAGAAAGCA
1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040
GAGAGAGCAG	AGGGAGAGAC	CATACAAAGGA	CGTGACGGAG	GACTTACTGC	ACCTCGAGCA
2050	2060	2070	2080	2090	2100
GGGAGAGACG	CCCCACAGAG	GGGCGACAGA	GGACTTGCTA	CACCTCAATT	CTCTCTTTGG
2110	2120	2130	2140	2150	2160
AAAAGACCAG	TAGTCACAGC	ATTCATCGAG	GATCAGCCGG	TAGAAGTCTT	ACTAGACACA
2170	2180	2190	2200	2210	2220
GGAGCTGATG	ACTCAATAGT	AGCAGGAATA	GAGTTAGGGG	ACAATTACAC	TCCAAAAATA
2230	2240	2250	2260	2270	2280
GTGGGGGGAA	TAGGGGGATT	CATAAATACC	AAAGAAATATA	AAAATGTAGA	AATAAAGGTA
2290	2300	2310	2320	2330	2340
CTAAATAAAA	GAGTAAGAGC	CACCAATATG	ACAGGAGATA	CCCCAATCAA	CATTTTTTGGC

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      2350      2360      2370      2380      2390      2400
AGAAATATTC TGGCAACCTT AGGCATGTCA TTAACCTAC CAGTCGCCAA GTTAGACCCA

      2410      2420      2430      2440      2450      2460
ATAAAAGTAA CATTGAAGCC AGGGAAGAT GGACCAAGGC TGAACAATG GCCCCTAACA

      2470      2480      2490      2500      2510      2520
AAAGAAAAAA TAGAAGCACT AAAAGAATT TGTGAAAAAA TGGAAAGGGA GGGCCAACTA

      2530      2540      2550      2560      2570      2580
GAAGAAAGCAC CTCCAACATA TCCTTATAAT ACCCCCACAT TTGCAATTAA GAAAAAGGAC

      2590      2600      2610      2620      2630      2640
AAGAACAAT GGAGAATGCT AATAGATTTT AGAGAACTAA ACAGGGTGAC TCAAGATTTT

      2650      2660      2670      2680      2690      2700
ACAGAAATTC AGCTAGGAAT TCCACACCCG GCAGGATTAG CCAAAAAGAA AAGGATTACT

      2710      2720      2730      2740      2750      2760
GTACTAGATG TAGGGGATGC CTAATTTTCC ATACCACTAC ATGAAGATTT TAGGCAATAT

      2770      2780      2790      2800      2810      2820
ACTGCAITTA CCCTACCATC AGTAAACAAT GCAGAGCCAG AAAAAAGATA TGTATATAAG

      2830      2840      2850      2860      2870      2880
GTCTTACCAC AAGGATGGAA AGGATCACCA GCAATCTTTC AATTCATGAT GAGGCAAATC

      2890      2900      2910      2920      2930      2940
TTAGAACCTT TCAGAAAAGC AAACCCAGAC GTCATTCTCA TCCAATACAT GGATGATATC

      2950      2960      2970      2980      2990      3000
TTAATAGCTA GTGACAGGAC GGGTTTAGAG CATGACAAAG TAGTCCTGCA ACTAAAAGAA

      3010      3020      3030      3040      3050      3060
CTTCTGAATG GCCTAGGGTT CTCTACCCCA GATGAGAAGT TCCAAAAGGA CCCTCCGTTT

      3070      3080      3090      3100      3110      3120
CAATGGATGG GCTATGAATT GTGGCCAAT AAATGGAAAC TGCAGAAAAT ACAATTACCT

      3130      3140      3150      3160      3170      3180
CAGAAAGAAA TATGGACAGT CAATGACATC CAAAAACTAG TAGGAGTTTT GAACCTGGGCG

      3190      3200      3210      3220      3230      3240
GCGCAGATCT ATCCAGGGAT AAAAACCAAG CATTTATGTA AATTGATTAG AGGAAAAATG

      3250      3260      3270      3280      3290      3300
ACACTCACAG AGGAAGTACA GTGGACAGAG TTAGCAGAGG CAGAACTAGA AGAAAAACAA

      3310      3320      3330      3340      3350      3360
ATTATCTTAA GTCAGGAACA AGAGGGATCC TACTATCAGG AAGAAGAGA ACTAGAACCA

      3370      3380      3390      3400      3410      3420
ACAGTCATCA AAGCCAAGA CAATCAGTGG GCATACAAA TACACCAGGG AGAGAGGGTT

      3430      3440      3450      3460      3470      3480
CTAAAAGTAG GAAGTATGC GAAGATAAAA AATACTCATA CCAATGGGGT CAGACTACTA

      3490      3500      3510      3520      3530      3540
GCACAAGTAG TCCAAAAAAT AGGAAAGGAA GCACTGGTCA TTTGGGGACG AGTGCCAAA

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3550	3560	3570	3580	3590	3600
TTTCACCTAC	CGGTAGAGAG	AGACACCTGG	GAGCAATGGT	GGGATAACTA	CTGGCAAGTA
3610	3620	3630	3640	3650	3660
ACATGGGTCC	CAGAGTGGGA	CTTCGTATCT	ACCCCAACCAC	TGGTCAGGTT	GACATTTAAC
3670	3680	3690	3700	3710	3720
TTGGTAGGAG	ATCCTATACC	AGGCACAGAG	ACCTTTTACA	CAGATGGATC	ATGCAATAGA
3730	3740	3750	3760	3770	3780
CAGTCAAAAG	AAGGAAAGC	AGGATATGTA	ACAGATAGAG	GGAGAGACAG	GGTAAGAGTA
3790	3800	3810	3820	3830	3840
TTAGAGCAA	CATCCAATCA	GCAAGCAGAA	CTAGAAGCCT	TTGCGATGGC	ACTGGCAGAC
3850	3860	3870	3880	3890	3900
TCAGGTCCCA	AGGTTAATAT	CATAGTAGAC	TCACAGTATG	TAATGGGGAT	AGTAGCAGGC
3910	3920	3930	3940	3950	3960
CAACCAACAG	AGTCAGAAAA	TAGAATAGTA	AACCAATCA	TTGAGGACAT	GATAAAGAAA
3970	3980	3990	4000	4010	4020
GAAGCAGTCT	ATGTTGCATG	GGTCCCAGCC	CATAAAGGCA	TAGGAGGAAA	CCAGGAAGTA
4030	4040	4050	4060	4070	4080
GACCATTTAG	TAAGTCAGGG	CATCAGACAA	GTATTATTEC	TGGAAAAGAT	AGAGCCCCGT
4090	4100	4110	4120	4130	4140
CAAGAAGAAC	ACGAAAAATA	TCATAGCAAT	ATAAAGAAC	TAACCCATAA	ATTTGGAATA
4150	4160	4170	4180	4190	4200
CCCCAACTAG	TGGCAAGACA	GATAGTAAAC	ACATGTGCCC	AATGCCAACA	GAAAGGAGAA
4210	4220	4230	4240	4250	4260
GCCATACATG	GGCAAGTAAA	TGCAGAAATA	GGCGTTTGGC	AAATGGACTG	CACACACTTA
4270	4280	4290	4300	4310	4320
GAAGGAAAAA	TCATTATAGT	AGCAGTGCAT	GTTGCAAGTG	GATTTCATAGA	AGCAGAAGTC
4330	4340	4350	4360	4370	4380
ATCCCACAGG	AATCAGGAAG	GCAGACAGCA	CTCTTCCTAT	TAAACTGGC	CAGTAGGTGG
4390	4400	4410	4420	4430	4440
CCAATAACAC	ACTTGACACAC	AGACATGGC	CCCAACTTCA	CTTCACAGGA	AGTGAAGATG
4450	4460	4470	4480	4490	4500
GTGGCATGGT	GGATAGGTAT	AGAGCAATCC	TTTGAGTAC	CTTACATCC	ACAAAGCCAG
4510	4520	4530	4540	4550	4560
GGAGTAGTAG	AAGCAATGAA	TCACCACCTA	AAAAATCAGA	TAAGTAGAAT	TAGAGAACAG
4570	4580	4590	4600	4610	4620
GCAAATACAA	TAGAAACAAT	AGTACTAATG	GCAGTTCATT	GCATGAATTT	TAAAAGAAGG
4630	4640	4650	4660	4670	4680
GGAGGAATAG	GGGATATGAC	CCCAGCAGAA	AGACTAATTA	ACATGATCAC	CACAGAACAA
4690	4700	4710	4720	4730	4740
GAAATACAAT	TCCTCCAAAG	AAAAAATTCA	AATTTTAAAA	AATTCCAGGT	CTATTACAGA

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4750      4760      4770      4780      4790      4800
GAAGGCAGAG ATCAGCTGTG GAAAGGACCT GGAGAGCTAC TGTGGAAGGG AGACGGAGCA

4810      4820      4830      4840      4850      4860
GTCATAGTCA AGGTAGGGGC GGACATAAAA GTAGTACCAA GAAGGAAGGC CAAGATTATC

4870      4880      4890      4900      4910      4920
AGGGACTATG GAGGAAGGCA AGAACTGGAT AGTAGTTCCTT ACCTGGAGGG TGCCAGGGAG

4930      4940      4950      4960      4970      4980
GATGGAGAGG TGGCATAGCC TTGTCAAGCA CCTGAAGTAC AGAACAAAG ACTTAGAGGA

4990      5000      5010      5020      5030      5040
GGTGCCTAT GTTCCCCATC ACAAGGTAGG ATGGGCATGG TGGACTTGCA GCAGGGTAAT

5050      5060      5070      5080      5090      5100
ATTCCCACTA GAAGGAGAAA GTCATCTAGA GATACAGGCA TATTGGAACC TAACACCAGA

5110      5120      5130      5140      5150      5160
AAAAGGATGG CTCTCCTCTC ATTCAGTAAG GTTAACCTGG TATACAGAAA AGTTCTGGAC

5170      5180      5190      5200      5210      5220
AGATGTTACC CCAGACTGTG CAGACTCCCT AATACACAGC ACTTATTTCT CTTGCTTTAC

5230      5240      5250      5260      5270      5280
GGCAGGTGAA GTAAGAAGAG CCATCAGAGG GGAAAAGTTA TTGTCTTGCT GCAACTACCC

5290      5300      5310      5320      5330      5340
CCAAGCTCAT AAAGCACAGG TACCATCACT TCAATACCTA GCCCTAGTGG TAGTGCAACA

5350      5360      5370      5380      5390      5400
AAATGGCAGA CCCCAGAGAA AGGGTGCCGC CAGGAAACAG TGGAGAAGAG ACCATTGGAG

5410      5420      5430      5440      5450      5460
AGGCCTTCGA GTGGCTAGAC AGGACTATAG AAGCCTTAAA CAGGGAGGCA GTGAACCATC

5470      5480      5490      5500      5510      5520
TGCCCCGAGA GCTCATTTTC CAGGTGTGGC AAAGGTCTCTG GGCATATTGG CATGATGAAC

5530      5540      5550      5560      5570      5580
AAGGGATGTC AACAAAGTTAC ACAAGTATA GATATTTGTG CAAATGTCAG AAAGCTGTGT

5590      5600      5610      5620      5630      5640
ATATACATTT CAAGAAGGGG TGCACTTGCC TGGGGAGAGG ACATGGCCCCG GGAGGATGGA

5650      5660      5670      5680      5690      5700
GACCAGGACC TCCCCCTCCT CCCCCTCCAG GTCTAGTCTA ATGACTGAAG CACCAACAGA

5710      5720      5730      5740      5750      5760
GTTTCCCCCA GAAGATGGGA CCCCACGGAG AGAGCTAGGG AGTACCTGGG TAATAGAAAC

5770      5780      5790      5800      5810      5820
TCTGAAGGAA ATCAAGGAAG AAGCCTTAAA ACATTTTGAT CCCTGCTTGC TAATIGCTCT

5830      5840      5850      5860      5870      5880
TGGCAACTAT ATCTATAATA GACATGGAGA CACCCTTGAA GGAGCCAGAG AGCTCATTAG

5890      5900      5910      5920      5930      5940
AGTCCTACAA CGAGCCCTCT TCGTGACAT CAGAGCGGGA TGTGACCGCT CAAGAAAGGG

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Fig. 4

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5950	5960	5970	5980	5990	6000
CCAAACAAGG	AGAAGAGCTC	CTTGCCCAGC	TGCACCGACC	CCTAGAGGCA	TGCACTAACT
6010	6020	6030	6040	6050	6060
CATGCTATTG	TAAGCAGTGC	AGTTACCAIT	GCCAGCTGTG	TTTCTTGAAA	AAAGGGCTCG
6070	6080	6090	6100	6110	6120
GGATAATGTA	TGCGCGACAG	GGCAGACGAA	GAAGGACTCC	AAGAAAAACT	AAGACTCATC
6130	6140	6150	6160	6170	6180
CGCCTCCTGC	ATCAGATAAG	TAAATATGGA	GCCTGGTAGG	AATCAGCTGC	TTGTTGCCAT
6190	6200	6210	6220	6230	6240
TTTATTAAC	AGTGCTTGCT	TAATATATTG	CAAACAATAT	GTGACTGTTT	TCTATGGCAT
6250	6260	6270	6280	6290	6300
ACCCGCGTGG	AGAAATGCAT	CTATTCCCCT	ATTTTGTGCA	ACCAAAAATA	GAGATACTTG
6310	6320	6330	6340	6350	6360
GGGGACCAIC	CAGTGCTTGC	CAGACAATGA	TGATTATCAG	GAAATAACCT	TAAATGTGAC
6370	6380	6390	6400	6410	6420
AGAAGCTTTT	GATGCATGGG	ATAATACAGT	AACAGAACAA	GCAATAGAAG	ATGCTCTGGAG
6430	6440	6450	6460	6470	6480
ACTGTTTGAG	ACATCAATAA	AACCATGTGT	CAAGTTGACG	CCCCTATGTG	TGGCGATGAA
6490	6500	6510	6520	6530	6540
TTGTAATATA	ACTTCAGGGA	CTACCGCGAC	CCCGAGTCCA	CCAAACATTA	CAATAATAGA
6550	6560	6570	6580	6590	6600
TGAAAATTCT	ACCTGTATAG	GCGACAACAA	CTGCACAGGA	TTAGGGAAAG	AAGAGGTGGT
6610	6620	6630	6640	6650	6660
TGAGTGTGAG	TTCAATATGA	CGGGGCTAGA	ACAAGATAAG	AAAAGGAAGT	ATAATGACCG
6670	6680	6690	6700	6710	6720
ATGGTACTCA	AGAGATGTGG	TTTGTGACAA	GACAAACGGA	ACAGGCACAT	GTTACATGAG
6730	6740	6750	6760	6770	6780
ACATTGCAAC	ACATCAGTCA	TCAAAGAGTC	ATGTGACAAG	CACIATTTGGG	ATGCTATGAA
6790	6800	6810	6820	6830	6840
GTTTAGATAC	TGTGCACCAC	CGGGTTTTGC	CCTACTAAGA	TGCAATGATA	CCAACTATTC
6850	6860	6870	6880	6890	6900
AGGCTTTGAA	CCTAAGTGCT	CTAAAGTAGT	AGCTGCTTCA	TGCACAAGGA	TGATGGAAAC
6910	6920	6930	6940	6950	6960
GCAAACCTTCT	ACTTGGTTTG	GCTTTAATGG	CACTAGAGCA	GGAATAGATA	CATATATCTA
6970	6980	6990	7000	7010	7020
TTGGCATGGT	AAAGATAATA	GGACTATCAT	TAGCTTAAAC	AAGTATTATA	ATCTCACAAT
7030	7040	7050	7060	7070	7080
GCATTGTAAAG	AGACCAGGAA	ATAAGACAGT	TGTACCAATA	ACACTTATGT	CAGGGCGAAG
7090	7100	7110	7120	7130	7140
GTTTCACTCT	CGGCCAGTCT	ACACACAAAA	ACCTGGGCAG	GCATGGTGTT	GGTTTCAAGG

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7150	7160	7170	7180	7190	7200
CAACTGGATA	GAAGCCATGC	GGGAGGTGAA	GCAAACCCTT	GCAAAACATC	CCAGGTACGG
7210	7220	7230	7240	7250	7260
AGGAACAAAT	GATACAGGAA	AAATTAACCT	TACGAAGCCA	GGAATAGGTT	CAGACCCAGA
7270	7280	7290	7300	7310	7320
AGTGACATAC	ATGTGGACTA	ACTGCAGAGG	AGAATTTCTC	TACTGTAATA	TGACTTGGTT
7330	7340	7350	7360	7370	7380
CCTCAATTGG	GTAGAAAATA	AGACGAACCA	AACACACGGC	AACTATGCGC	CATGCCATAT
7390	7400	7410	7420	7430	7440
AAGGCAGATA	ATTAACACCT	GGCATAAGGT	AGGGACAAAT	GTATATTTGC	CTCCTAGGGA
7450	7460	7470	7480	7490	7500
AGGGGAGTTG	ACCTGCAATT	CAACAGTAAC	CAGCATAATT	GCTAACATTG	ACTCAGATGG
7510	7520	7530	7540	7550	7560
AAATCAGACC	AACATTACCT	TTACTGCAGA	AGTGGCAGAA	CTGTACCGAT	TAGAATTGGG
7570	7580	7590	7600	7610	7620
GGACTACAAA	TTGATAGAAG	TAACACCAAT	TCCGTTCCGA	CCTACAAAAG	AGAAAAGATA
7630	7640	7650	7660	7670	7680
TTCTCTGGCT	CCAGTGAGGA	ACAAAAGAGG	TGTGTTCTGT	CTAGGGTTCT	TGGGTTTTCT
7690	7700	7710	7720	7730	7740
CGCAGCAGCA	GGTTCTGCAA	TGGGCGGCNC	GTCCTTGACG	CTGTCCGGCTC	AGTCCCGGAC
7750	7760	7770	7780	7790	7800
TTTACTGGCC	GGGATAGTGC	AGCAACAGCA	ACAGCTGTTG	GACGTGGTCA	AGAGACAACA
7810	7820	7830	7840	7850	7860
AGAAATGTTG	CGATTGACCG	TCTGGGGAAC	GAATAATCTC	CAGGCAAGAG	TCACTGCTAT
7870	7880	7890	7900	7910	7920
CGAGAAATAC	TTAAAGGACC	AGGCACAGCT	AAATTCATGG	GGATGTGCGT	TTAGGCAGGT
7930	7940	7950	7960	7970	7980
CTGCCACACT	ACTGTACCAT	GGGTAAATGA	CTCCTTAACA	CCTGACTGGA	ACAATATGAC
7990	8000	8010	8020	8030	8040
ATGGCAGGAA	TGGGAAAAAC	GAGTCCACTA	CCTAGAGGCA	AATATCAGTC	AAAGTTTAGA
8050	8060	8070	8080	8090	8100
ACAGGCACAA	ATTCAACAAG	AAAAGAATAT	GTATGAACTA	CAAAAACATA	ATAGCTGGGA
8110	8120	8130	8140	8150	8160
TGTCTTTGGC	AACTCGTTTG	ATTTGACCTC	CTGGATCAAA	TATATTCAAT	ATGGAGTTTA
8170	8180	8190	8200	8210	8220
TATAGTAGTA	GGAATAATAG	GTITAAGAAT	AGCCATATAT	ATAGTGCAAT	TGTTAAGTAG
8230	8240	8250	8260	8270	8280
ACTTAGAAG	GGCTATAGGC	CTGTTTTCTC	CTCCCCCCCC	GGTTATCTCC	ATCAGATCCA
8290	8300	8310	8320	8330	8340
TATCCACACG	GACAGGGGAC	AGCCAGCCAA	CGAAGAAACA	GAAGAAGACG	CCGGAGACCA

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8350	8360	8370	8380	8390	8400
CAGTGGTTTC	GGCTTGTGGC	CTTGGCCACT	AAACTACATA	CAATTCCTGA	TCCACCTACT
8410	8420	8430	8440	8450	8460
GACTCGCCTC	TTGACCGGGC	TATACAACAG	CTGCAGGGGC	TTACTATCCA	AGAACTCCCC
8470	8480	8490	8500	8510	8520
GACCCGCCGA	CTGATCTCCC	AGAGTCTAAC	AGCAATCAGG	GACTGGCTGA	GACTTAAGGC
8530	8540	8550	8560	8570	8580
GGCCTACCTG	CAATATGGGT	GCGAGTGGAT	CCAAGAAGCG	TTCCGAGCAT	TCGCAAGGAC
8590	8600	8610	8620	8630	8640
TGCGAGAGAG	ACTATTGCGG	GCGCGTGGAG	GGGGTTATGT	GAAGCAGCGC	AACGCATCGG
8650	8660	8670	8680	8690	8700
GAGGGGAATC	CTCGCAGTCC	CAAGAAGGAT	CAGGCAGGGA	CCACAAATCC	CCCTCCTCTC
8710	8720	8730	8740	8750	8760
AGGGACAGCA	GTATCAGCAG	GGAGAGTTCA	TGAACACCCC	ATGGAGAACC	CCAGCAGCAA
8770	8780	8790	8800	8810	8820
TAGGGCAGAA	AAATTCATAT	AAGCAGCAAA	ATATGGATGA	TGTAGATTCT	GATGATGATG
8830	8840	8850	8860	8870	8880
ACCTAGTGGG	AGTTCCTGTT	ATGCCAAGAG	TACCGCTGAG	AGAAATGACC	TATAAACTGG
8890	8900	8910	8920	8930	8940
CAATAGATAT	GTCACATTTT	ATAAAAGAAA	AAGGAGGACT	GGAAGGGATA	TTTTACAGTA
8950	8960	8970	8980	8990	9000
GGGAGAGACA	TAGAATCCTA	GACTTGTTCC	TAGAAAAGGA	GGAAGGGATA	ATACCAGATT
9010	9020	9030	9040	9050	9060
GGCAGAAATTA	TACTCATGGG	CCAGGAACAA	GGTACCCAAT	GTACTTCCGG	TGGCTGTGGA
9070	9080	9090	9100	9110	9120
AACTAGTACC	AGTAGACATC	TCACAAGAGG	CAGAGGAAGT	AGAGACCAAC	TGCTTAGTAC
9130	9140	9150	9160	9170	9180
ACCCAGCACA	AACAAGCAGA	TATGATGACG	AGCATGGGGA	GACACTAGTT	TGGCGGTTTG
9190	9200	9210	9220	9230	9240
ACCCCATGCT	GGCCTATAGT	TACAAGGCCT	TCATTCTGCA	CCCAGAAGAA	TTTGGGCACA
9250	9260	9270	9280	9290	9300
AGTCAGGATT	GCCAGAGAAA	GAGTGGGAAG	CAAAACTGAA	AGCAAGAGGG	ATACCATATA
9310	9320	9330	9340	9350	9360
GTGAATAACA	GGAACAACCA	TACTTGGTCA	GGGCAGGAAA	TAGCTACTAA	GAACAGCTGA
9370	9380	9390	9400	9410	9420
GACTGCAGGG	ACTTTCCAGA	AGGGGCTGTA	ACCAAGGGAG	GGACATGGGA	GGAGCTGGTG
9430	9440	9450	9460	9470	
GGGAACGCCC	TCATATTCTC	TGTATAAATG	TACCCGCTTC	TTGCATTGTA	TTC

Fig. 5

Sheet 1

Partial nucleotide sequences of HIV-D205  
(corresponding to clone HIV-2 A7.1 of Fig. 2);

HIV-D205; corresponding to pos. 8942-9255 in HIV-2 ROD; homology 71.6 %

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      10      20      30      40      50      60
TGGAAGGGAT GTATTATAGT GAGAGAAGAC ACAGAATATT AGACACATAT TTTGAGAATG

      70      80      90     100     110     120
AAGAAGGCAT TGTGTCTGGC TGGCAAACT ATACTCATGG GCCAGGGATA AGGCATCCCA

     130     140     150     160     170     180
AATACTTTGG TTGGCTGTGG AAGCTGGTAC CAGTAGAGGT GCCAGCAGCG ACCCGAGAGG

     190     200     210     220     230     240
AGGAGGAAAC CCATTGCCTA ATGCACCCGG CACAGATCTC CTCATGGGAT GACATCCATG

     250     260     270     280     290     300
GGGAGACTCT TATCTGGCAG TTTGATTCCC TCCTGGCATA TGATTATGTG GCTTTCAATA

     310
GGTTTCCAGA AGAGTTT

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HIV-D205, corresponding to position 718-2510 in HIV-2 ROD; homology 78.6 %

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      10      20      30      40      50      60
AAAAAATTCT TAAAGTCTTA GCTCCATTAG TACCAACAGG GTCAGAAAAT TTA AAAAGCC

      70      80      90     100     110     120
TTTTTAATAT CGTCTGCGTC ATTTTTTGCC TGCACGCAGA AGAGAAAGTG AAAGATACAG

     130     140     150     160     170     180
AGGAAGCAAA AAAGATAGCA CAGAGACATC TAGCGGCGGA CACAGAAAAA ATGCCAGCTA

     190     200     210     220     230     240
CAAATAAACC AACAGCACCA CCTAGCGGCG GAAATTATCC AGTGCAGCAA CTGGCTGGCA

     250     260     270     280     290     300
ACTACGTCCA CCTGCCGCTA AGCCCCCGAA CCTTAAATGC TTGGGTAAAG TTAGTAGAAG

     310     320     330     340     350     360
AAAAGAAGTT CGGGGCAGAA GTAGTACCAG GATTTTCAGGC ACTATCAGAA GGAATGCACCC

     370     380     390     400     410     420
CTTATGATAT AAATCAGATG CTAAATTGTG TAGGAGAACA TCAGGCAGCC ATGCAAATTA

     430     440     450     460     470     480
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CAATGCCGGC AGGACAACCT AGGGACCCAA GAGGGTCAGA TATAGCAGGA ACCACCAGCA

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      610      620      630      640      650      660
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      730      740      750      760      770      780
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      790      800      810      820      830      840
TGCTGATTCA GAATGCTAAC CCAGATTGCA AGTTAGTGCT TAAGGGCTTG GGAATGAATC

      850      860      870      880      890      900
CCACCTTAGA GGAAATGCTA ACGGCCTGCC AAGGGATAGG AGGCCCAGGG CAGAAGGCCA

      910      920      930      940      950      960
GGCTAATGGC CGAAGCCTTA AAAGAGGCCC TAACACCTGC ACCCATACCG TTTGCTGCCG

      970      980      990      1000      1010      1020
TTCAACAAAA AGCAGGGAAG AGAGGGACAG TGACATGCTG GAACTGTGGC AAACAGGGAC

      1030      1040      1050      1060      1070      1080
ACACAGCCAG GCAATGCAGG GCCCCTAGAA GACAGGGATG CTGGAAATGT GGAAAAACAG

      1090      1100      1110      1120      1130      1140
GACACATCAT GTCAAAATGC CCAGAAAGAC AGGCGGGTTT TTTAGGGTTA GGACCCTGGG

      1150      1160      1170      1180      1190      1200
GAAAGAAGCC TCGCAACTTC CCCATGACCC AAGTGCCTCA GGGAGTGACA CCATCTGCAC

      1210      1220      1230      1240      1250      1260
CCCCGATGAA CCCAGCAGAG GGCATGACAC CTCGGGGGGC GACACCATCT GCGCCCCCTG

      1270      1280      1290      1300      1310      1320
CAGATCCAGC AGTGGAGATG CTGAAAAGTT ACATGCAGAT GGGGAGACAA CAGAGAGAGA

      1330      1340      1350      1360      1370      1380
GCCGAGAGAG ACCCTACAAG GAGGTGACAG AGGATTTGCT GCACCTCAAT TCTCTCTTTG

      1390      1400      1410      1420      1430      1440
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      1450      1460      1470      1480      1490      1500
AGGAGTTGAC GACTCAATAG TAGCAGGGAT AGAATTAGGT AGCAATTACA CCCCAAAAAT

      1510      1520      1530      1540      1550      1560
AGTAGGAGGG ATAGGAGGGT TCATAAATAC CAAAGAATAC AAAGATGTAG AAATAGAAGT

      1570      1580      1590      1600      1610      1620
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      1690      1700      1710      1720      1730      1740
AGTAAAAGTT GAGTTAAAAC CTGGAAAAGA TGGGCCAAAG ATCAGACAAT GGCCTCTATC

      1750      1760      1770      1780      1790
CAGGGAAAAG ATACTAGCCC TCAAAGAAAT CTGTGAAAAA ATGGAAAAGG

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HIV-D205, corresponding to position 2877-7293 in HIV-2ROD; homology 75.1 %.

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      10      20      30      40      50      60
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      70      80      90      100     110     120
ACATCCTTAT AGCAAGTGAC AGAAGTGATC TGGAGCACGA CAGGGTAGTG TCCCAACTAA

      130     140     150     160     170     180
AAGAGTTATT AAATGACATG GGATTCTCTA CCCCAGAAGA AAAGTTCCAA AAAGACCCTC

      190     200     210     220     230     240
CGTTCAAATG GATGGGTTAT GAGCTCTGGC CAAAAAAGTG GAAACTGCAA AAAATACAAC

      250     260     270     280     290     300
TGCCAGAAAA AGAAGTTTGG ACAGTGAATG CAATTCAAAA ACTGGTAGGA GTATTAAACT

      310     320     330     340     350     360
GGGCAGCTCA ACTCTTTCCT GGAATTAAGA CAAGGCACAT ATGCAAACTA ATTAGGGGAA

      370     380     390     400     410     420
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      610     620     630     640     650     660
TACTGGCACA TGTAGTTCAG AAAATAGGCA AAGAAGCCCT AGTCATCTGG GGAGAGATAC

      670     680     690     700     710     720
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      730     740     750     760     770     780
AAGTAACCTG GATCCCAGAG TGGGACTTTG TCTCGACCCC ACCATTAATA AGACTAGCCT

      790     800     810     820     830     840
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970	980	990	1000	1010	1020
CAGACTCAGA	ACCACAAGTT	AACATCATAG	TAGATTACACA	ATATGTCATG	GGAATAATAG
1030	1040	1050	1060	1070	1080
CTGCACAGCC	AACAGAAACA	GAATCACCAA	TAGTAGCAAA	AATAATTGAA	GAAATGATCA
1090	1100	1110	1120	1130	1140
AAAAAGAGGC	AGTATATGTA	GGATGGGTAC	CAGCTCACAA	GGGACTGGGT	GGTAATCAGG
1150	1160	1170	1180	1190	1200
AAGTAGACCA	CCTAGTAAGT	CAAGGAATCA	GACAGGTCTT	GTTCCCTAGAA	AAAATAGAAC
1210	1220	1230	1240	1250	1260
CAGCCCAGGA	AGAGCATGAA	AAATATCATG	GCAATGTAAA	AGAACTGGTC	CATAAATTCC
1270	1280	1290	1300	1310	1320
GAATTCCACA	ATTAGTGGCA	AAACAGATAG	TAAATTCCTG	TGATAAATGC	CAACAAAAAG
1330	1340	1350	1360	1370	1380
GGGAAGCTAT	TCATGGACAG	GTAAATGCAG	ACCTAGGGAC	ATGGCAGATG	GACTGTACAC
1390	1400	1410	1420	1430	1440
ATTTAGAAGG	AAAAATTATA	ATAGTGGCAG	TCCATGTAGC	CAGTGGGTTT	ATAGAAGCAG
1450	1460	1470	1480	1490	1500
AGGTAATACC	CCAAGAGACA	GGAAGACAGA	CAGCTCTCTT	CCTACTAAAG	TTGGCCAGCA
1510	1520	1530	1540	1550	1560
GATGGCCTAT	CACACACCTA	CACACAGACA	ACGGTGCCAA	CTTCACCTCA	CCAAGTGTAA
1570	1580	1590	1600	1610	1620
AGATGGTAGC	CTGGTGGGTA	GGAATAGAAC	AAACTTTTGG	AGTACCCTAT	AACCCACAAA
1630	1640	1650	1660	1670	1680
GTCAAGGAGT	AGTGAAGCA	ATGAACCATC	ACCTGAAAAA	TCAAATAGAC	AGACTCAGAG
1690	1700	1710	1720	1730	1740
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GAAGGGGAGG	AATAGGGGAT	ATGACCCCTG	CAGAAAGACT	AGTTAACATG	ATAACCACAG
1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860
AGCAAGAAAT	ACAGTTCTTC	CAAGCAAAAA	ATTTAAAATT	TCAAAATTTT	CAGGTCTATT
1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920
ACAGAGAAGG	CAGAGATCAA	CTCTGGAAGG	GACCTGGTGA	ACTATTGTGG	AAAGGGGAAG
1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980
GAGCAGTCAT	CATAAAGGTA	GGGACAGAAA	TCAAAGTAGT	ACCCAGGAGA	AAAGCAAAAA

Fig. 5

Sheet 5

1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040
TTATAAGGCA	CTATGGAGGA	GAAAAAGGAT	TGGATTGTAG	TGCCGACATG	GAGGATACCA
2050	2060	2070	2080	2090	2100
GGCAGGCTAG	AGAGATGGCA	CAGTCTGATT	AAGTATCTTA	AGTATAGAAC	AGGAGAGTTG
2110	2120	2130	2140	2150	2160
CAACAGGTCT	CTTATGTCCC	TCACCACAAG	GTAGGATGGG	CTTGGTGGAC	TTGCAGTAGA
2170	2180	2190	2200	2210	2220
ATAATATTTT	CCCTAAACAA	AGGAGCATGG	CTAGAAGTCC	AAGGATATTG	GAACCTAACC
2230	2240	2250	2260	2270	2280
CCAGAAAGGG	GATTCTTGAG	CTCCTATGCT	GTAAGACTAA	CATGGTATGA	GAGGAACTTT
2290	2300	2310	2320	2330	2340
TATACAGATG	TAACACCTGA	TGTGGCAGAC	CAGCTACTGC	ATGGGTCTTA	TTTCTCTTGC
2350	2360	2370	2380	2390	2400
TTTTTCAGCCA	ATGAAGTAAG	GAGAGCCATC	AGGGGAGAAA	AGATATTGTC	CTACTGCAAC
2410	2420	2430	2440	2450	2460
TATCCATCAG	CTCACGAAGG	GCAGGTACCA	AGCTTACAGT	TTCTAGCCCT	AAGGGTCGTA
2470	2480	2490	2500	2510	2520
CAGGAAGGAA	AAAATGGATC	CCAGGGAGAG	AGTGCCACCA	GGAAACAGCG	ACGAAGAAAC
2530	2540	2550	2560	2570	2580
AGTAGGAGAA	GCATTTCGCTT	GGCTAGAAAG	AACAATAACA	GAGCTCAACA	GGGTAGCGGT
2590	2600	2610	2620	2630	2640
CAACCATTTG	CCCCGAGAAC	TTATTTTCCA	GGTCTGGCAG	AGGTCTTGGG	CATACTGGCG
2650	2660	2670	2680	2690	2700
TGAGGAACAG	GGCATGTCAA	TTAGCTATAC	CAAATATAGA	TACTTGITGC	TAATGCAGAA
2710	2720	2730	2740	2750	2760
AGCAATGTTT	GTGCACTATA	CAAAGGGCTG	TAGGTGCCTG	CAGGAGGGCC	ATGGGCCAGG
2770	2780	2790	2800	2810	2820
GGGATNGAGA	TCAGGACCTC	CTCCTCCTCC	TCCCCCAGGC	CTGGCCTAAT	GGCAGAAGCA
2830	2840	2850	2860	2870	2880
GGCCAGAGA	TCCCTCCAGA	GAACGAGAAC	CCACAAAGAG	AACCGTGGGA	AGAGTGGATA
2890	2900	2910	2920	2930	2940
GGGGAGATCC	TGGAGGAAAT	AAAGCAAGAA	GCCTTAAAGC	ATTTTGATCC	TCGCTTGCTA
2950	2960	2970	2980	2990	3000
ACTGCGCTTG	GTAACTTTAT	CTACAGTAGG	CATGGAGATA	CCCTTGACAGG	AGCAGGAGAG
3010	3020	3030	3040	3050	3060
CTCATTAATA	TCCTCCAACG	AGCNCTCTTC	CTCCACTTCA	GAGCCGGTTG	TCAACACTCA
3070	3080	3090	3100	3110	3120
AGGATTGGAC	AATCAGGGGG	AGGAAATCCT	CTCTCAACTA	TACCGCCCCC	TTAAGGCATG



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      3130      3140      3150      3160      3170      3180
CGATAATACA TGCTACTGTA AGAAATGCTG CTACCATTGC CAGCTTTGTT TTCTTAAAAA

      3190      3200      3210      3220      3230      3240
GGGTCTTGGG ATATGTTATG ACCGCTCGAG AAGGAGATCT GCAAAAAGAG CTAAGACTAC

      3250      3260      3270      3280      3290      3300
TGCACCTTCT GCACCAGACA AGTGAGTATG GCATATTTTA GCAGCCGCCT GCCTATTGCG

      3310      3320      3330      3340      3350      3360
CTCCTGCTTA TAGGTATCAG TGGGTTTGTA TGTAACAAT ATGTTACTGT CTTCTATGGC

      3370      3380      3390      3400      3410      3420
ATACCCGCAT GGAGGAACGC AACAGTTCCC CTCATTTGTG CAA'CCACAAA CAGAGACACC

      3430      3440      3450      3460      3470      3480
TGGGGAAGCTG TACAGTGTCT CCCAGACAAT GGTGACTACA CTGAGATCAG GCTAAACATA

      3490      3500      3510      3520      3530      3540
ACAGAGGCTT TTGATGCATG GGATAATACA GTGACACAAC AGGCAGTAGA TGATGTGTGG

      3550      3560      3570      3580      3590      3600
AGACTCTTTG AAACCTCCAT AAAACCATGT GTCAAATAA CCCCCTGTG TGTGGCAATG

      3610      3620      3630      3640      3650      3660
AACTGTAGTA AAACCGAAAC AAACCCAGGG AATGCCAGTA GTACTACCAC CACTAAGCCT

      3670      3680      3690      3700      3710      3720
ACTACCACCT CTCGTGGGCT GAAAACGATT AACGAAACAG ACCCATGCAT AAAAAATGAC

      3730      3740      3750      3760      3770      3780
AGCTGCACAG GACTAGGAGA AGAGGAAATA ATGCAATGTA ATTTTAGTAT GACGGGACTA

      3790      3800      3810      3820      3830      3840
AGAAGAGATG AGCTAAAACA ATATAAAGAC ACCTGGTACT CAGAAGATTT AGAGTGTAAT

      3850      3860      3870      3880      3890      3900
AATACCAGGA AGTAATACCA GCAGTGCTAT ATAAGAACCT GCAACACAAC AATTATCCAA

      3910      3920      3930      3940      3950      3960
GAGTCATGTG ACAAACATTA TTGGGACAGC TTAAGGTTTA GGTATTGTGC TCCCCCGGGG

      3970      3980      3990      4000      4010      4020
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      4030      4040      4050      4060      4070      4080
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      4090      4100      4110      4120      4130      4140
AATGGTACAA GGCAGAGAA CAGGACATAT ATATATTGGC ATGAAAAAGA CAATAGGACC

      4150      4160      4170      4180      4190      4200
ATCATAAGCT TAAATACATA CTATAATTTG TCAATACACT GTAAGAGGCC AGGAAACAAG

      4210      4220      4230      4240      4250      4260
ACGGTTGTAC CAATAAGAAC CGTGTCAGGA CTACTTTTCC ATTCACAGCC TATCAATAAG

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Fig. 5

Sheet 7

4270 4280 4290 4300 4310 4320  
AGACCCAGAC AAGCTTGGTG CTGGTTTAAG GGAAACTGGA CAGAAGCCAT AAAGGAGGTG  
4330 4340 4350 4360 4370 4380  
AAAAGGACCA TCATAAAACA TCCCAGGTAT AAAGGAGGTG CAAAAAATAT CACAAGCGTA  
4390 4400 4410  
AAGTTAGTAT CAGAACATGG AAAAGGTTCA GATC

Fig. 6

Sequence homology between HIV-D194 and HIV-2ROD in (%), separately for the functional elements.

The env region is not included because of the very much unrelated internal region shown in Fig. 3).

(nt ho = nucleotide homology, AA ho = amino acid homology)

	Position	nt ho	AA ho
R	1-173	96.0	
U5	174-299	94.4	
5'-untransl.	300-545	93.5	
gag	546-2114	88.1	89.1
pol	1829-4939	88.7	89.6
vif	4869-5516	88.7	82.9
vpv	5344-5682	86.7	89.4
vpr	5682-5999	83.0	74.5
tat ex 1	5845-6140	84.5	73.5
rev ex 1	6071-6140	87.1	82.6
tat ex 2	8307-8403	80.4	75.0
rev ex 2	8307-8539	78.5	70.0
nef	8557-9327	82.6	73.9
U3	8942-9496	85.4	

Fig. 7

Sequence homology of HIV-2<sub>D205,7</sub> compared to the HIV/SIV group (gene level; nt / aa)

HIV-2 <sub>D205,7</sub>		HIV-2 <sub>ROD</sub>	HIV-2 <sub>NIH2</sub>	HIV-2 <sub>D194</sub>	SIV <sub>MAC</sub>	SIV <sub>AGM</sub>	HIV-1 <sub>BRU</sub>
gene	position						
gag	720-1826	80.5 / 85.6					
gag	1860-2114	83.1 / 77.6					
pol	1859-2510	80.2 / 72.5					
pol	2877-4948	78.3 / 83.5					
protease	2084-2381	84.0 / 81.0	83.0 / 84.8	84.8 / 86.8	76.3 / 83.8	57.8 / 47.1	60.4 / 48.5
vif	4869-5516	72.0 / 68.5	70.9 / 67.9	72.4 / 66.5	71.8 / 60.6	53.8 / 34.7	47.9 / 33.0
vpx	5344-5682	76.1 / 74.1	73.5 / 68.1	74.6 / 77.9	75.2 / 77.0	50.8 / 34.7	
vpr	5682-5999	78.8 / 69.8	77.7 / 69.8	74.2 / 59.4	78.3 / 76.4		51.9 / 47.3
tatex1	5845-6140	78.4 / 66.3	79.1 / 68.4	74.7 / 63.3	81.1 / 66.3	33.1 / 38.1	33.6 / 34.0
revex1	6071-6140	67.1 / 61.9	68.6 / 60.9	67.1 / 52.2	70.0 / 60.9	45.5 / 28.6	38.2 / 40.4
nef	8557-9255	72.1 / 69.5					
env	6147-7293	70.0 / 67.0					

Fig. 8

Nucleotide sequence comparison of HIV-2<sub>D205</sub> with HIV and SIV strains (in % homology)

HIV-2 <sub>D205</sub>		HIV-2 <sub>ROD</sub>	HIV-2 <sub>NIHZ</sub>	HIV-2 <sub>D194</sub>	SIV <sub>MAC</sub>	SIV <sub>AGM</sub>	HIV-1 <sub>BRU</sub>
position							
8942-9255		71.6	77.0	68.8	66.4	56.3	54.7
718-1825		80.5	80.8	80.3	79.1	65.1	63.8
1859-2510		80.2	74.6	75.0	78.8	55.6	56.9
2877-7293		75.1	74.8	75.4	74.0	58.0	54.6
Total		75.9	75.9	75.9	75.0	58.9	56.4

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87122303) or from the infected cell line HUT 194  
(ECACC V 87122306) or from the virus isolate HIV  
D205 (ECACC V 87122304), respectively, and their  
RNA or RNA-fragments and DNA and DNA-frag-  
ments derived therefrom and/or proteins and the use  
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